



National Public Radio's Susan Stamberg to Receive Gracie Allen Tribute Award at 32nd Annual Gracies Gala

(McLean, VA – May 24, 2007) – American Women in Radio and Television (AWRT) is pleased to announce that legendary NPR Journalist, **Susan Stamberg**, will receive the esteemed 2007 Gracie Allen Tribute Award. The Gracie Allen Tribute Award, created on the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of the Gracies, is presented to an individual who embodies the same innovative and ground-breaking spirit as the legendary Gracie Allen. Ms. Stamberg created many in-roads for the women of today through her long-standing career in radio and enjoys a legacy worth celebrating and emulating.

The award will be presented at the 2007 Gracie Awards Gala on the evening of June 18 at the New York Marriott Marquis. The Gala, hosted by legendary CBS Sportscaster and Pro Football Hall of Famer **Lesley Visser**, recognizes exemplary programming created for, by, and about women in all facets of electronic media, including radio, television, cable and web-based media.

Susan Stamberg is a special correspondent for NPR where she has been bringing an international audience the news for thirty-six years. Stamberg was the first woman to anchor a national nightly news program, and has won every major award in broadcasting. She has been inducted into the Broadcasting Hall of Fame and the Radio Hall of Fame. Other recognitions include: the Armstrong and duPont Awards, the Edward R. Murrow Award from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, the Ohio State University's Golden Anniversary Director's Award and the Distinguished Broadcaster Award from the AWRT. NPR Senior Correspondent, **Linda Wertheimer**, will present Susan the Tribute Award at the Gracies Gala.

"Susan Stamberg is one of the shining lights in electronic media. Throughout her career in radio she has entertained and educated audiences with her congenial style as well as her instinct for addressing the most topical and pertinent issues. We are proud to pay her tribute," stated AWRT 2007 National Chair, Mary Bennett, Executive Vice President of the Radio Advertising Bureau.

"I've always felt that women make a difference in the newsroom. AWRT has known that for years. It's a special treat, then, to be recognized by an organization that advances and salutes the work of women in media. May our tribe increase!" said Stamberg.

The event is made possible through the generous support of the 2007 title sponsor, Dove and *The Campaign for Real Beauty*, and the following additional sponsors: Arbitron, Bloomberg, CBS News, Clear Channel Radio, CNN, Court TV, Disney/ABC Television Group, Greater Media, Inc., HBO Entertainment, Interep, Lifetime Networks, Katz Media Group, National Public Radio, NBC News, NBC Universal Television, Oxygen Media, Retirement Living TV, Suze Orman, and WestStar Digital Audio.

Tickets for the Gala are \$325 for AWRT Members, \$395 for Non-Members, and \$425 (if available) at the door. Tickets for the Gala can be purchased online at www.awrt.org. Sponsored tables are also available. For more information, please contact (703) 506-3290. For more information about the Gracie Allen Awards, please visit www.awrt.org.

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About AWRT: The year 2007 marks the 56th Anniversary of American Women in Radio & Television (AWRT), the longest established professional association dedicated to advancing women in media and entertainment. AWRT carries forth its mission by educating, advocating and acting as a resource to its members and the industry at large. Founded in 1951, AWRT works to improve the quality of electronic media; promote the entry, development and advancement of women in the field; foster communication and idea exchange; and give back to the community we serve.

About The Foundation of AWRT: The Foundation of AWRT is the philanthropic arm of American Women in Radio and Television, supporting educational programs, charitable activities, public service campaigns and scholarships to benefit the public, the electronic media and allied fields. The Foundation of AWRT has created partnerships and joint-initiatives with the National Middle School Association, the Emma Bowen Foundation, the American Red Cross and other organizations that are philosophically aligned with the mission of the Foundation of AWRT. The Foundation supports several public service campaigns including most recently *AWRT Empowering America* which pays tribute to many of America's most pioneering and inspiring women. Through this initiative, the Foundation of AWRT has adopted needy urban middle schools around the country and provided educational donations derived from collateral based on the *Empowering America* program. The Foundation also produces nationally acclaimed recognition programs including the Gracie Allen Awards[®], a live, New York-based gala that awards exemplary programming created for, by, and about women.